Chapter 7: Dragon Crap

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TRANSLATION: CALEB COOK LETTERING: KYLA AIKO

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GAH!!
ドッ!!
KLAT

HEADS UP, AOKI— SOMETHING'S LEAKING OUTTA YA.
KZT
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THANKS, CAPTAIN OBVIOUS! BUT WHAT IS IT?
LIKE, SPARKS?!
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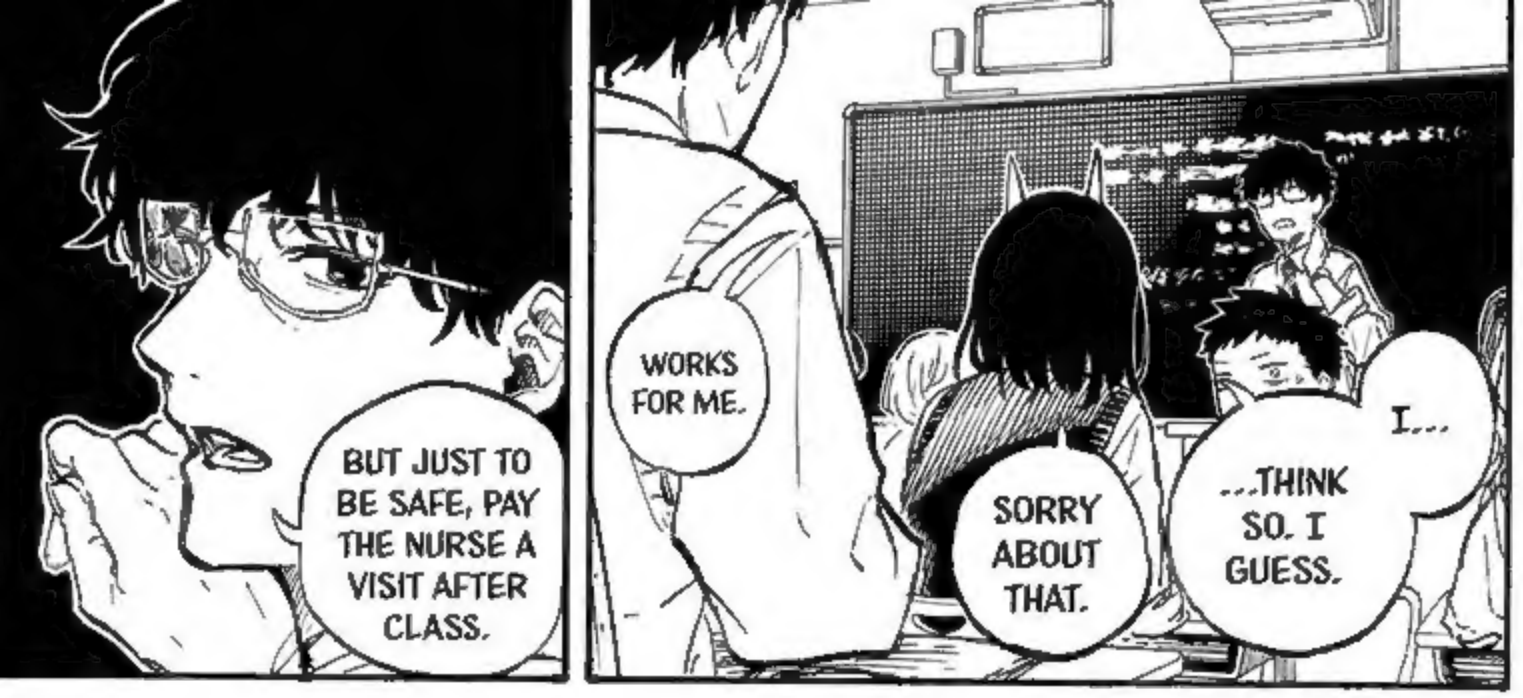
SENSEEEI! SOMETHING FREAKY'S GOING ON WITH AOKI!
HUH?
パチパチ
GAB ガヤ
CHATTR ざわ
BUNCHA LITTLE ZAPS.
UHHH, YUP.
IS THIS STUFF SERIOUSLY COMING FROM ME?
YO...
LIKE STATIC SHOCKS. OW...
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
H-H-HOW WOULD I KNOW?
YOU GOT NO CLUE?!
SOOO, YOU GONNA SURVIVE THIS?
WHOA. AND MY VISION IS ALL...
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?!
S-SO I CAN MAKE ELECTRICITY NOW, HUH?
KZT

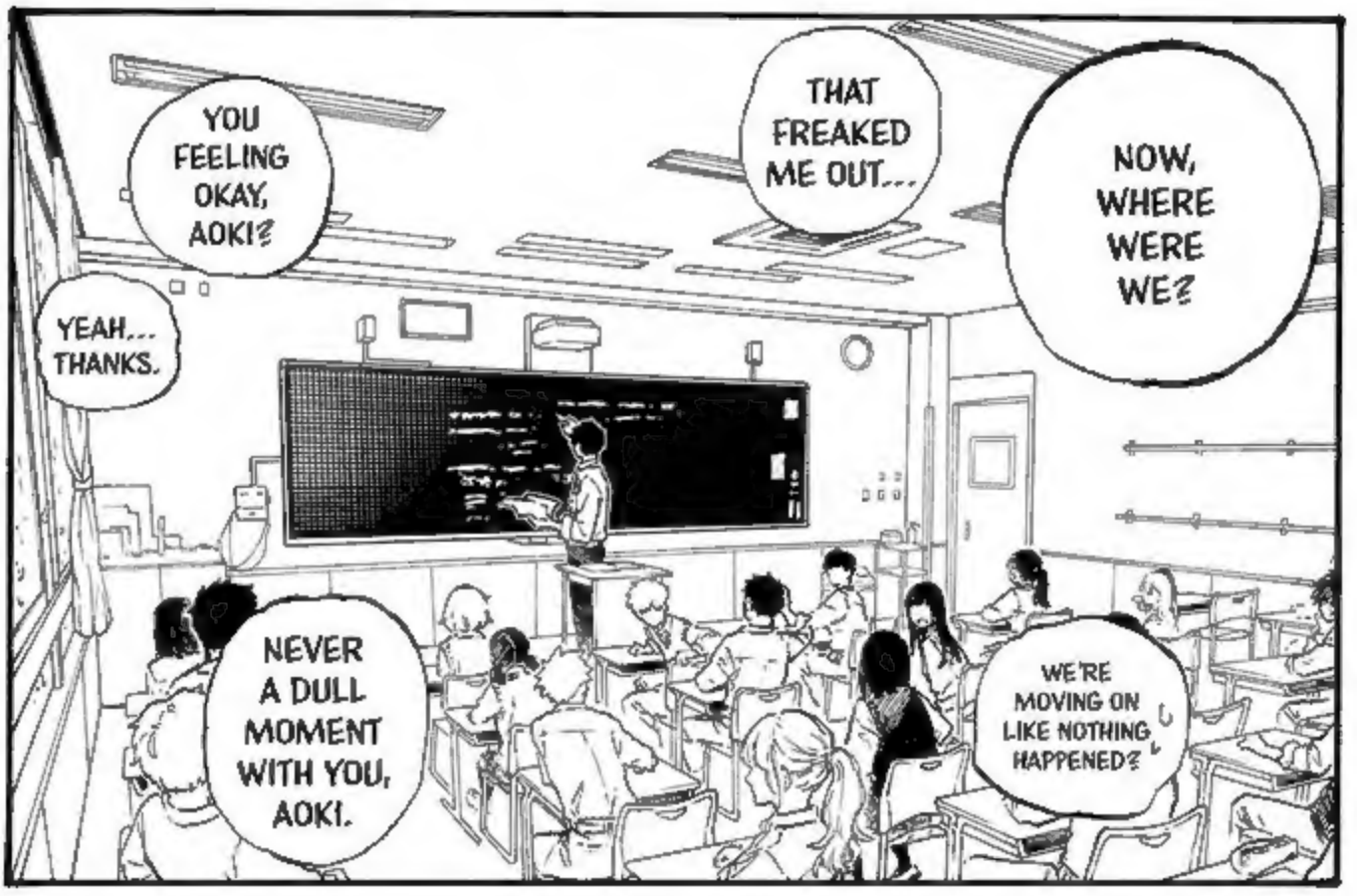
SHAH

HMM?
IT STOPPED.
HUH?
THE HECK?

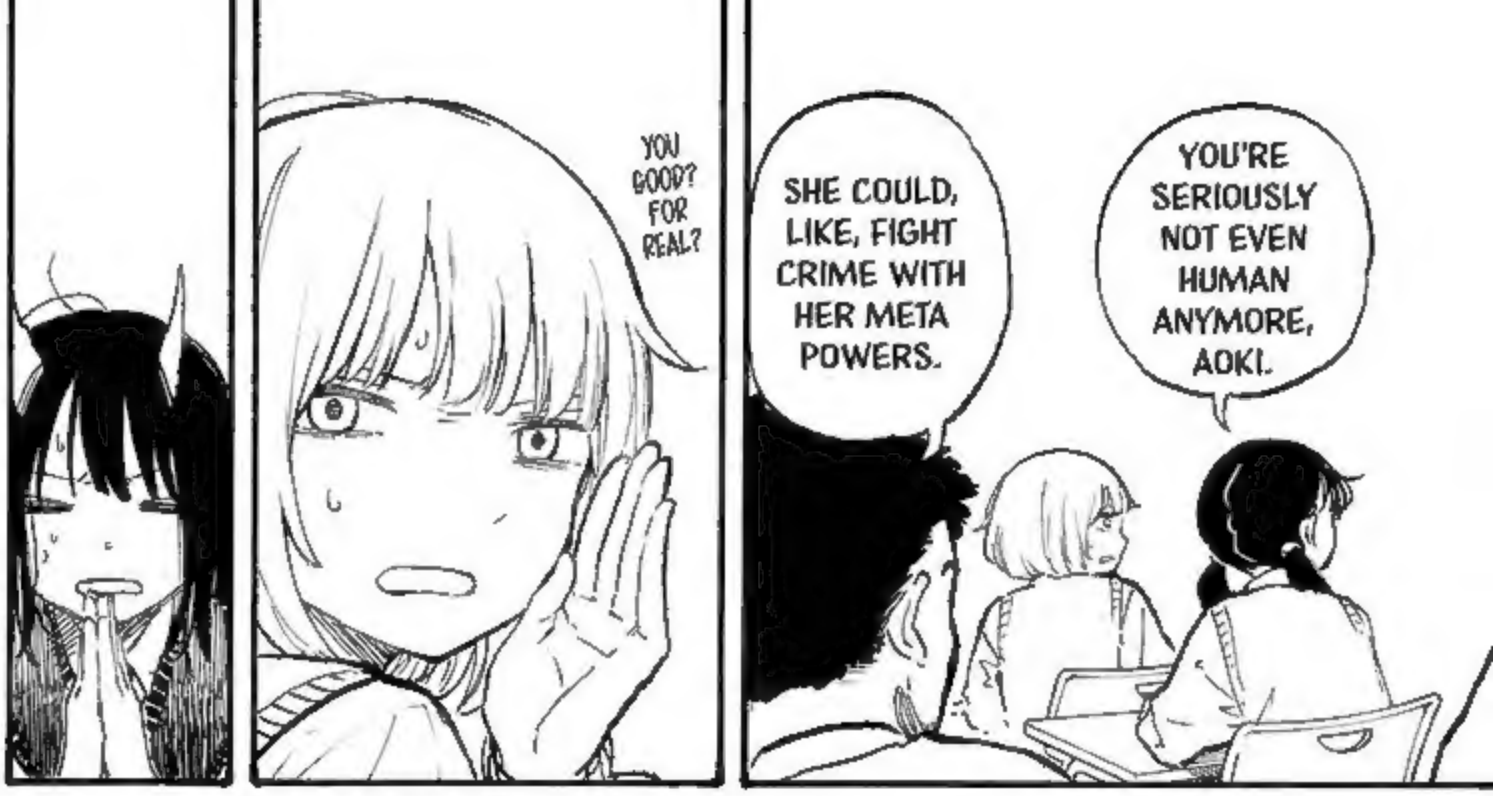
IT SETTLED DOWN ON ITS OWN?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...?

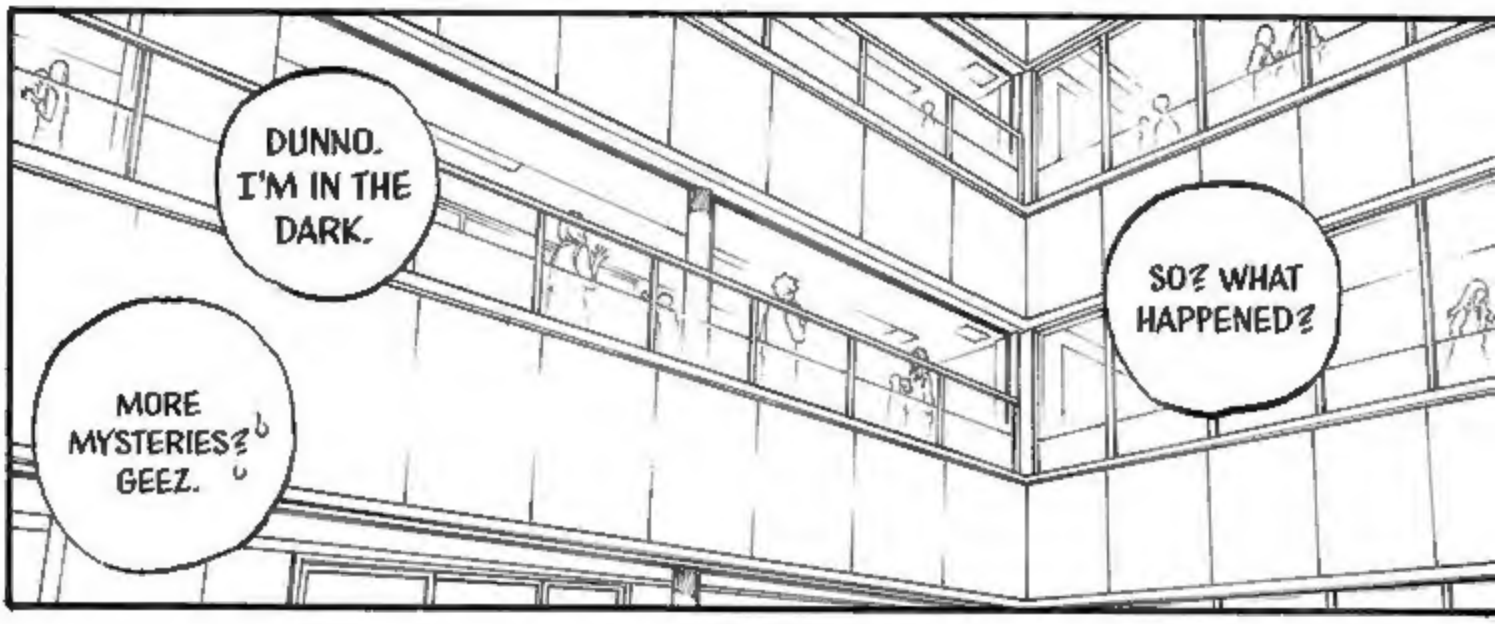
YOU GOOD, AOKI?
UM...


BUT JUST TO BE SAFE, PAY THE NURSE A VISIT AFTER CLASS.
WORKS FOR ME.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I...
...THINK SO. I GUESS.


YOU FEELING OKAY, AOKI?
YEAH... THANKS.
THAT FREAKED ME OUT...
NOW, WHERE WERE WE?
NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH YOU, AOKI.
WE'RE MOVING ON LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED?

MORE DRAGON CRAP, I'M GUESSING?
OWW...
WHAT WAS THAT STUFF?
ANOTHER SHOCKING SURPRISE...


YOU GOOD? FOR REAL?
SHE COULD, LIKE, FIGHT CRIME WITH HER META POWERS.
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY NOT EVEN HUMAN ANYMORE, AOKI.


DUNNO. I'M IN THE DARK.
SO? WHAT HAPPENED?
MORE MYSTERIES? GEEZ.

C'MON. PICK UP.
YOU MAYBE WANNA ASK YOUR MOM?
IF I HAD ANY CLUE, I WOULDA COME PREPARED.
SURE.
WISH SOMEONE TOLD ME EARLIER.

IT'S OVER NOW, BUT EARLIER...
WELL, DOES ONE OF MY DRAGON TRAITS INVOLVE MY BODY SHOOTING OFF ELECTRIC SPARKS?
HUH?!
UH, HI. GOT A MINUTE?
OH.
YEAH?
FOR WHAT?

DIDN'T LAST LONG...
IT'S LIKE I WAS ALL ELECTRIFIED. THEN THE SPARKS AND ZAPS STARTED UP!!
HRM...
...BUT IT HURT.

HANG ON. THAT'S NUTS.
DID YOU SAY ELEC-TRICITY?
IF YOU DON'T MIND ME LISTENING.
THAT WORKS.
SHOULD I PUT HER ON SPEAKER?

THE CLASSROOM WAS BASICALLY CHARGED WITH STATIC. DO YOU KNOW IF THAT'S LINKED TO ONE OF RURI'S TRAITS?
AH...
HI, MS. AOKI. IT'S YUKA. I SAW THE WHOLE THING.

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT FOR NOW.
YAP
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YAP
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SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. PROBABLY.
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HOLD ON. I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...

SCHOOL DAY'S ALMOST OVER, RIGHT?
SORRY, I'M UP TO MY ELBOWS RIGHT NOW...
I'LL FILL YOU IN ON THE DETAILS AT HOME, OKAY?

...IS THAT IT IS LINKED TO A PARTICULAR DRAGON TRAIT. BUT IT'S NOT HARMFUL ON ITS OWN.
MY BEST EDUCATED GUESS...
JUST TRY NOT TO TRIGGER IT, AND YOU SHOULD BE GOOD.

I COULD COME GET YOU IF YOU'RE ANXIOUS.
KLUNK
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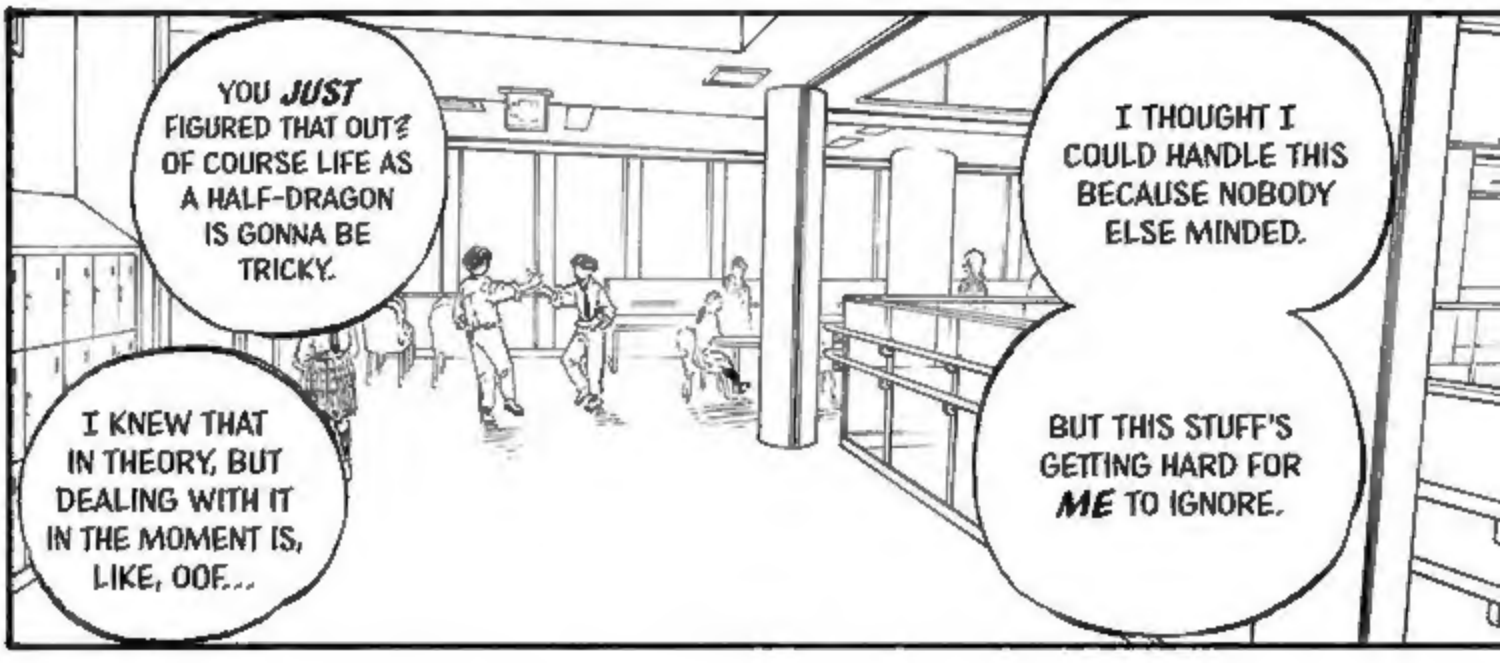
WHRR
TAKE YOUR CALLS OUT-SIDE.
IF YOU'RE SURE.
AND HEY, YUKA— I LEAVE RURI IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS.
YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO RUN FOR THE HILLS IF ANYTHING STARTS UP AGAIN.
OKAY...
DON'T BOTHER!!
NAH!!
NOT ONE FOR LONG GOOD-BYES...
CLK
GIVE ME A RING AGAIN IF SOMETHING HAPPENS! THAT'S WHAT MY PHONE'S FOR.
COOL.
SHE'S NOT ONE FOR DETAILS, HUH?
DON'T I KNOW IT... SORRY.
WELP, I'M GLAD SHE AT LEAST HAS SOME IDEA.
HMM. WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW...
HELLOOO? AOKI?
PHEW.
AOKI, CAN I GET THOSE COPIES?

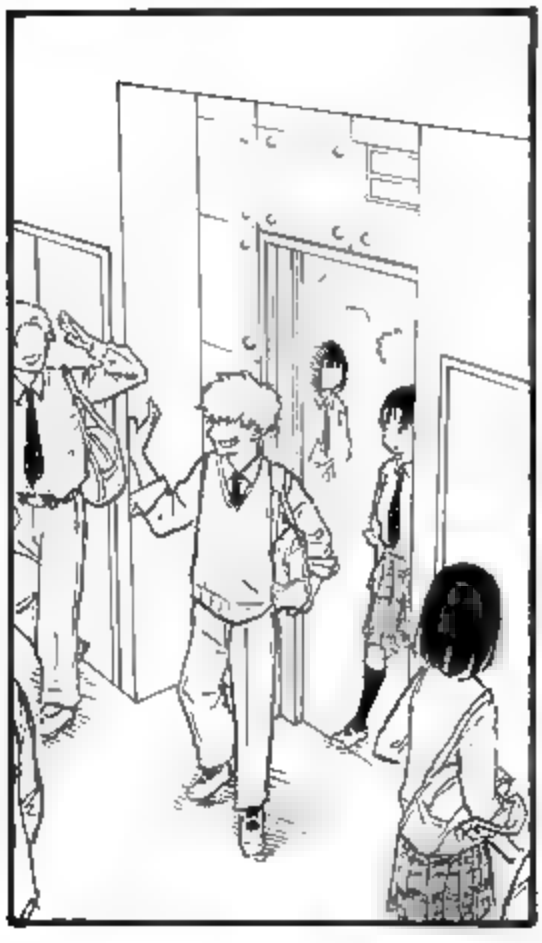
DON'T SIT THERE. IT'S FILTHY.
HEY.
MAN, ONE SHOCK AFTER ANOTHER.
BEING NONHUMAN ISN'T EXACTLY A WALK IN THE PARK. WHO KNEW!
WITH EACH PASSING DAY, I DRIFT FARTHER FROM HUMANITY. YOU SURE YOU STILL WANNA BE MY FRIEND, YUKA?


YOU JUST FIGURED THAT OUT? OF COURSE LIFE AS A HALF-DRAGON IS GONNA BE TRICKY.
I THOUGHT I COULD HANDLE THIS BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE MINDED.
I KNEW THAT IN THEORY, BUT DEALING WITH IT IN THE MOMENT IS, LIKE, OOF...
BUT THIS STUFF'S GETTING HARD FOR ME TO IGNORE.

YEAH, YEAH...
NAW. JUST A 100 PERCENT MORTAL HUMAN.

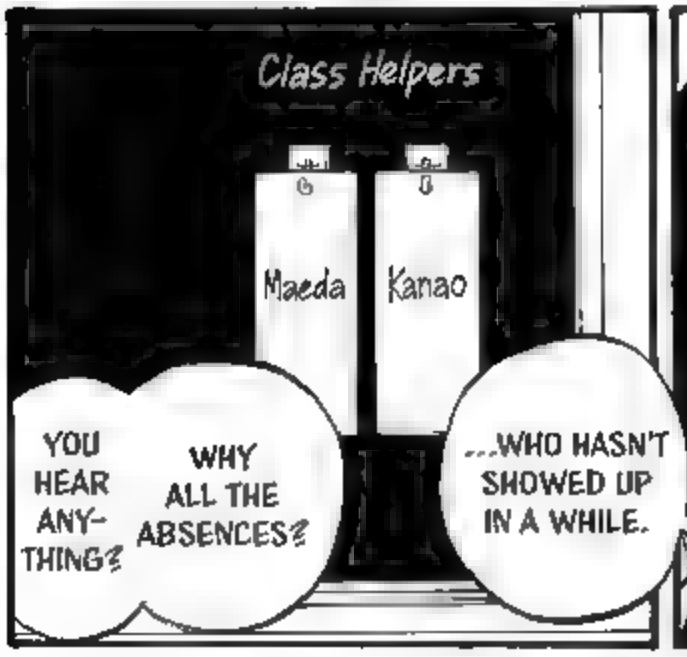
I MEAN, IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
COURSE WE'RE STILL FRIENDS, SILLY.
YUKA, MY GODDESS...

RURI! YUKA! HEY!
OH.
I JUST GOTTA STAY ON MY TOES FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
SENSEI TOLD ME TO STAY AFTER CLASS!
ALSO, SORRY IN ADVANCE— NO STUDY GROUP TODAY.
PAT PAT
AND YUKA SHOULD JOIN US NEXT TIME!
OOH... WHAT'D YOU DO?
GET YOUR BUTTS UP! ALMOST TIME FOR CLASS!!
COOL.
CAN I REALLY? WOO!



HMM?
AOKI, DON'T RUN OFF JUST YET.

IT'S THE HORNS, RIGHT? LIKE SORE THUMBS!!
YOU CAME INTO VIEW, THAT'S WHY.
UGH... WHY ME?
ONE OF TODAY'S ASSIGNED HELPERS IS ABSENT, SO DO YOU MIND PITCHING IN?
CAN I PUT YOU ON CLEANUP DUTY?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU TWO DON'T GET ALONG?
HUH?
YOU MEAN... AOKI'S HELPING?
UH...
SURE...
CHOP-CHOP.
ALL RIGHT THEN.
RIGHT. IT'S HER FROM LUNCH...
NO, I JUST... UM...


Class Helpers
Maeda
Kanao
YOU HEAR ANY-THING?
WHY ALL THE ABSENCES?
...WHO HASN'T SHOWED UP IN A WHILE.

SO, YOUR HELPER BUDDY WAS S'POSED TO BE KANAO...

W-WOW. ICING ME OUT LIKE THAT?

NAH.
HEY. YOU GOT SOMETHING AGAINST ME?
C'MON. I WON'T GET WHAT YOUR ISSUE IS UNLESS YOU TELL ME.
WHAT'D I EVEN DO TO YOU?
SOMETHING TO DO WITH...THESE? I MEAN, IF I BOTHERED YOU IN SOME WAY, THEN—
STOP.
CLK CLK カチカチ
WHY'RE YOU IGNORING ME THEN?
AND YOU TOOK ONE LOOK AT ME DURING LUNCH AND NOPED OUT. WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?
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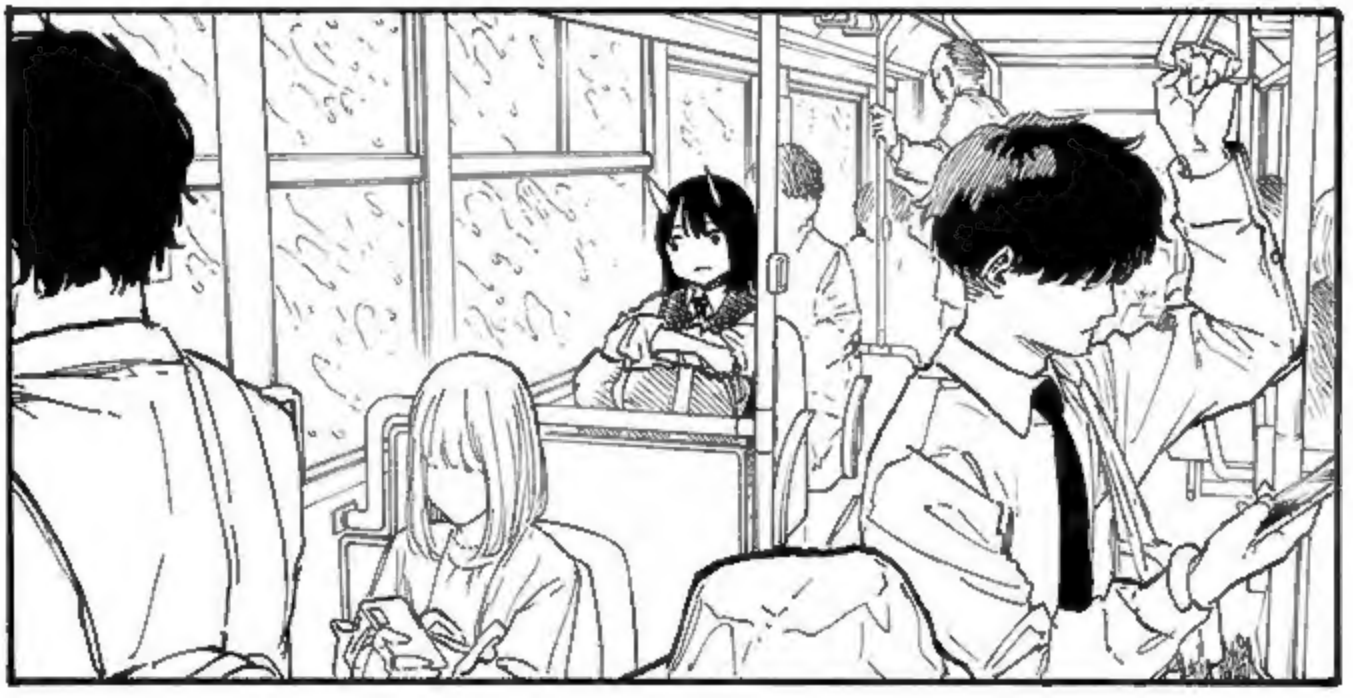
JUST DON'T TALK TO ME, OKAY?

SURE...



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HMM? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
NOT REALLY.

HEY...
HOME AT LAST.
EVERY-THING GO OKAY AFTER WE TALKED?

NAW, I'LL DO IT LATER.
JUST GONNA CHANGE.
AH.
WANNA SHOWER FIRST? YOU'RE SOAKED THROUGH.

MIGHT AS WELL SIT DOWN FOR A CHAT, THEN. WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
SURE. MILK... WAIT, WHAT CHAT?
THE THING YOU CALLED ME ABOUT.
OH. THAT.
SO, ABOUT YOUR LATEST DRAGON TRAIT...
YEAH? WHAT MUTANT POWER AM I BLESSED WITH NOW?
WELL, DRAGONS...
...CAN CALL LIGHTNING.
To be continued!